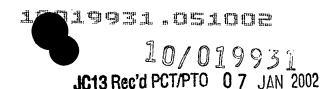
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For: METHODS, COMPOSITIONS

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FOR MODULATING FLOWERING:
IN PLANTS, AND PLANTS
GENETICALLY MODIFIED TO:
FLOWER EARLY AND TARDILY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as shown below. A mark-up version showing the changes made to the claims is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein said plant is transgenic.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said plant

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